

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 221

By Hill M

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Johnson City Community Health Center on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those community-based organizations whose goal is to advance the most noble precepts of human endeavor, therefore improving the health and well-being of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Community Health Center (JCCHC) is one such organization that has, for the past twenty-five years, offered medical services to the local homeless population, the medically indigent, and TennCare patients; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, a homeless advisory committee was appointed to explore the extent of homelessness in the area and to identify the most pressing needs of that population; and

WHEREAS, the committee determined that primary health care was of the utmost concern and began to work with the homeless population to identify solutions; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the committee envisioned a nurse-managed primary care clinic with the assistance of the College of Nursing at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the clinic received funding from the City of Johnson City for the first year, along with donations from citizens and community groups; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army of Johnson City offered the clinic a space in its special services complex, and the College of Nursing provided a nurse practitioner and a secretary, and also handled the administrative duties of the clinic; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Downtown Clinic opened its doors in 1990; and

WHEREAS, originally serving only the homeless population, the clinic expanded its services to the medically indigent and TennCare patients in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the clinic moved to a new location in 1997 and became the Johnson City Downtown Day Center, where it continued to serve the needs of the homeless; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the clinic partnered with the Johnson City Housing Authority to manage the JCCHC/Johnson City Housing Authority Partners for Health Clinic; and

WHEREAS, as the clinic continued to grow throughout 2012, it relocated to a larger facility, where it served 5,865 patients in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to acknowledge the good works and great accomplishments of the Johnson City Community Health Center; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Johnson City Community Health Center on providing medical care to the homeless and indigent, congratulate them on their 25th anniversary, and extend our best wishes for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.